Nanur railway station

3772. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when the Nanur railway station started its operation; and

(b) how many trains pass through that station daily?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir. There is no Station by the name of 'Nanur' on the Indian Railway Network.

(b) Does not arise.

Opening of new halt station at Maharaja Nagar in Tamil Nadu

3773. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any distance restriction guideline from the nearest available station for opening of a new halt station;

(b) if not, under what circumstances the demand for a new halt station at Maharaja Nagar on Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur railway line in south Tamil Nadu was declined even though adequate land available for construction of the new station was identified; and

(c) with the policy of developing Tier III Capitol, in this case district headquarters, whether the Ministry would have a relook of the matter and sanction the new halt station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) and (c) The proposal for opening of a new halt station at Maharaja Nagar has not been found feasible from engineering point of view as the land available near the proposed halt is not adequate to construct station building, circulating area, approach road and other amenities.

Extension of reservation time

3774. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend the reservation time of Namakkal railway reservation office from the present half-a-day to full working day *i.e.* 8.00 A.M. to 8.00 P.M.;

(b) if so, the details and the time by when it is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The daily average number of reservation requisition slips being handled at Namakkal does not justify provision of reservation facility in two shifts.